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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached Status of Claims.

REMARKS

This is in response to the final rejection dated July 10, 2006. Applicant requests entry of the enclosed amendments to enable allowance or better appeal.

Method claims

Claims 1-8 are cancelled. The dependency for claims 9, 10 has accordingly been changed. Claim 12 is now the only independent method claim. Claims 9, 10, 21 have additive novelty. Claims 13, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 at least obtain novelty from the parent as more preferred embodiments.

Amended claim 12 is limited to installing chambers in a trench while standing in the trench, where the trench width only accommodates a single row of chambers connected end to end. A trench, known in the art and defined in dictionaries, is a long narrow slit in the earth. The two closely spaced apart trench sidewalls present specific installation problems, as set forth in applicant's specification at pages 1, 6, 7 and Fig. 2, which are solved by the invention. Those problems/process are not present for arrays of storm chambers installed in pits, in accord with Kruger et al.